

EIGHT HOURS  
LEGAL LIMIT OF  
DAY'S LABOR

On All Public Work, Is Purport of Bill Presented to Vermont Legislature Today. Introduced by Representative Groton of Burlington

WEEKLY PAMMENT GETS  
FAVORABLE VOTE

Representative Hapgood of Peru Says That He Never Was Actually Postmaster In His Town and Is Therefore Entitled to His Seat

That all public work in the state of Vermont shall be limited to an eight-hour day is the purport of a bill introduced in the Vermont legislature today by Claude Graton, the representative from Burlington. The measure provides that all work by state, county or town shall be governed thereby. Another labor measure which is making rapid strides toward enactment is that requiring weekly payment of wages by corporations. In a test vote yesterday afternoon on the third reading it was carried by 150 to 94, so that there was no doubt about the adoption of the measure by the House. There is expected to be more opposition when the bill reaches the senate.

Mr. Porter of Wilmington introduced a bill this forenoon releasing the Deerfield R.R. from carrying passengers on its line from Wilmington to Somerset. Mr. Soule of Fairfield would like to have a clause on raccoons from January 1 to October 1. Mr. Grout of Dover introduced a bill to require selection to remove trees and brush from their highways.

In the Senate the bill legalizing the quadrennial reapportionment of the city of Barre was passed with amendments as proposed by the city council of that city. Among the bills introduced was one by Senator Howland of Washington county providing that on petition of twenty voters all town officers shall be elected by ballot.

Kill the State Fair Bill.  
After a long discussion today the House killed the bill providing for a state fair, the vote standing 113 to 82. The bill was supported by Messrs. Evans of Windsor, Cady of Middlebury, Hatch of Stratford and Flinn of Springfield. Those who opposed were Messrs. Porter of Wilmington, Scott of Brandon, Ricker of Groton, Latham of Milton and Claffee of Enosburgh.

The House today moved to reconsider its action of yesterday in refusing to authorize the count of votes for state attorney in Bennington county, there being a contest between State Attorney Meagher and W. R. Daley, who claims an error.

In the Senate this afternoon Senator Chase of Windham county introduced a sweeping railroad bill, prohibiting the acceptance of passes by members of the legislature, discrimination in rates and requiring the publication of tariffs, etc.

INVESTIGATION KILLED.  
Resolution Regarding Sale of Diseased Meat Voted Down.

A joint resolution providing for an investigation by the legislature of the alleged sale of diseased meat in Vermont was killed in the House by a vote of 156 to 4. The resolution was introduced by Representative John H. Senter of Montpelier.

NEVER WAS POSTMASTER  
FOR ACTUAL FACT

Mr. Hapgood of Peru Said the Office Went Along With the Store that He Purchased—But He Resigned Before Election Nevertheless.

The hearing on the eligibility of Mr. Hapgood of Peru to hold his seat in the House was held last night before the committee on elections. Mr. Hapgood stated on oath that he never had been acting postmaster, and that when he bought the store containing the office the latter was transferred in the deal. He said that Frank G. Wyman has acted as postmaster and he (Hapgood) knew nothing about the details of the office. On the Monday before election he, however, forwarded his resignation as postmaster, and several days later advised a copy of the resignation in a letter to Congressman Foster. He never got any word from the resignation but later an appointment as postmaster came to Mr. Wyman.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION  
AT THE STATE HOUSE

Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Prouty Were the Hostesses Last Night—The Gowns of Some of the Ladies.

The State House at Montpelier was the scene of a brilliant social affair last evening, when Mrs. Fletcher D. Proctor, wife of the governor, and Mrs. George H. Prouty, wife of the lieutenant governor, received a large number of people from all parts of the state. The reception was held in the executive chamber, which was simply but effectively decorated with masses of palms and ferns, with handsome festoons of asparagus fern running from each corner to the central chandelier. The stars and stripes, the Vermont flag and the governor's flag were conspicuous features of the decorative scheme.

Here from eight to nearly ten o'clock a great crowd of several hundred people passed down the receiving line at the head of which was Mrs. Proctor, a charming picture in light blue satin trimmed with rare white lace, with a handsome diamond brooch, carrying a large bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Prouty wore lavender satin, a sunburst of pearls and carried pink roses.

The wives of ex-governors in the receiving line included Mrs. Bell in white chiffon with lace yolk, Mrs. Stearns of Johnson in lavender chiffon with diamond ornaments, Mrs. Stickney of Ludlow in cream satin with point lace yolk, Mrs. Smith of St. Albans in a handsome spangled net lace, with a necklace of rare pearls and diamond hair ornaments, Mrs. Fuller of Brattleboro in black crepe de chene with amethyst ornaments, Mrs. Mansur of Newport in white crepe de chene with diamond ornaments, Mrs. Farnham of Bradford in black satin with black lace, Mrs. Fisk of Isle La Motte in black lace over white satin.

The guests were presented by the governor's staff, under the direction of General Gilmore, including Gen. A. M. Norton of Bristol, Colonel Gibson of Brattleboro, Kinsley of Rutland, Wright of Williston, Woolson of Springfield, Bartlett of Island Pond, Representatives Hatch of Stratford, McNeen of Vergennes, Col. J. G. Norton of St. Albans, Capt. Aaron Grout of Newport.

Whittier's orchestra stationed in the main lobby furnished excellent music throughout the pleasant affair. Representatives' hall was filled with a brilliant party which passed a delicious social hour following the reception.

A PITCHER BATTLE  
IN COURT ROOM

Sympathizers of Woman Suffragists Attacked Policeman and Locked Him in Building.

London, Oct. 24.—A pitched battle took place this morning when eight women suffragists were arrested for creating a disturbance in the House of Parliament yesterday and were arraigned. The prisoners refused to pay fines of \$25, preferring to go to prison. Sympathizers rushed on the policemen and locked him in the court room. Two thousand people gathered outside the court house. The suffragists started to harangue them and the police reserves were called out and arrested more frenzied women and dispersed the crowd.

## SMOTHERED TO DEATH.

Infant Twins Were Found Dead Today in New York.

New York, Oct. 24.—On awaking this morning, Mrs. John McKelroy found her twin children, nine weeks old, who slept on either side of her, dead. She believes she must have killed the babies in her sleep, or accidentally smothered them in the bed clothes. The mother is prostrated with grief.

CABINET CHANGES  
ARE ANNOUNCED

When Shaw and Moody Get Out President Roosevelt Will Make a Re-Arrangement.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The following statement regarding the prospective changes in President Roosevelt's cabinet was made public last night:

"Oct. 23, 1906.  
"On the retirement of Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Moody from the cabinet, the following changes will be made:

"Secretary of the treasury, George B. Cortelyou.  
"Postmaster-general, George Von L. Meyer.

"Attorney-general, Charles J. Bonaparte.  
"Secretary of the navy, Victor H. Metcalf.

"Secretary of commerce and labor, Oscar S. Straus."

## "BLACK HAND" ARRESTED.

New York Police Believe They Have Perpetrators.

New York, Oct. 24.—In the arrest of three armed Italians early this morning the police believe they have the leaders of Black Hand in New York. In possession of one was found letters which the police say fixes the responsibility of any Black Hand crimes on this gang.

CLAIMS FALSE  
TESTIMONY

And Said It Was Repeated After Divorce Trial

## SO TAFT SUES FOR \$5,000

Says That Frank C. Gillette Spoke Untruthfully Concerning His Relations With Stenographer, on Which Mrs. Taft Got Divorce.

Burlington, Oct. 24.—Frank C. Gillette of this city was yesterday served with papers in an action of libel and slander for damages of \$5,000 by Russell W. Taft, son of the late Chief Justice Russell S. Taft of the supreme court. In default of bail Gillette is in jail.

The suit grows out of the testimony which Gillette gave last week in the hearing before Judge Watson in Franklin county court, involving Mr. Taft and his stenographer, Miss Jessie Gilley, and was largely responsible for the decree of divorce granted Mrs. Taft from her husband.

Mr. Taft alleges that Gillette's testimony was untrue and he sues him for slander and libel because he has repeated the same assertions out of court. The divorce case was taken by Mr. Taft to the supreme court.

RIFLE EXPLODED  
WHEN DEER APPEARED

Walter Storey of Newport Was Badly Injured Yesterday—Gun Was of Old Type.

Newport, Oct. 24.—Walter Storey, a 15-year-old boy, had his arm badly burned and mangled by the explosion of a rifle yesterday while deer hunting with a companion. The rifle was of an old type and was heavily loaded with buckshot. Young Storey had just sighted a deer and was trying to discharge the gun when the accident happened.

SAMUEL GOMPERS  
MAY GIVE IT UP

Because of Small Audiences and Because Laboring People Will Note Vote Against the Party Nominees.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 24.—Samuel Gompers, who spoke at Lafayette last night, now says that he may give up the stump. The reason is believed to be that he is discouraged by the small audiences and by the fact that the laboring men fail to attend his meetings. He has found it difficult to get the labor people to vote against party nominees.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR  
CONVENTION DOINGS

One Hundred Delegates Attended the Sessions in Bennington Yesterday.

Bennington, Oct. 24.—The 100 delegates attending the 21st annual Christian Endeavor convention closed an unusually profitable day by listening last evening to an address by President A. V. Raymond of Union college. The convention held its first business in the chapel of the Congregational church in the morning. The Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph presided and speakers were: Father Endeavor, Francis E. Clark, president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, the Rev. N. T. Hafer and George S. Starr, Miss Grace M. Young of Fair Haven and Miss Mary E. Ellis.

The greeting to delegates was extended by the Rev. G. S. Mills, pastor of the local Congregational church, and the response was by F. S. Pease of Burlington. The report of the secretary showed a membership of 7,000, with a gain during the year of 720; 214 societies, gain of 15; conversions, 2538.

Yesterday afternoon the delegates visited the Bennington monument and participated in an anniversary service at the old First church at Bennington Center. The speakers were the Rev. George W. C. Hill of Proctor, C. W. Jackson of Bellows Falls, and Charles L. Carhart of Dorset. The vesper service was conducted by Rev. Frank R. Morris of Bennington.

## EAST BARRE.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Leonard on Thursday afternoon. A large attendance is looked for.

Mrs. Corliss is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Werner, in Northfield.

Mrs. Maj. Hutchinson went to Williamstown Monday to keep house for her daughter, Mrs. Frank Tucker, who is taking a week's vacation.

Rev. Mr. Achenbach drove a Sherburne, where he hopes to spend a few days hunting. He has made all the necessary arrangements for the continuance of all the services.

The L. T. L. will meet on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cooney. She will take charge of the meeting.

There will be a social dance in the opera house on Saturday, October 27. Gilbertson's orchestra. Dancing from 8 to 12. Bill 20 cents.

The funeral of Gladys Spaulding will be held from the home on Elm street tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. F. A. Poole officiating.

FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME  
WON BY GODDARD

Defeated Burlington High School Yesterday Afternoon By the Score of 5 to 0.

Goddard seminary won her fifth straight football game yesterday afternoon at Burlington, defeating the Burlington high school by the score of 5 to 0, after a hard contest. The first half was all in favor of the seminary, but the high school boys took a brace in the second half and came within ten yards of scoring. McDonald made a 65 yard run for a touchdown in the first half, which was not allowed. It being claimed that he went outside the sidelines. McDonald made the only touchdown from the three-yard line after steady rushing in the first half.

In the second half Burlington rushed to the 25-yard line, where Johnson tried a drop kick and failed, the ball going to Goddard on the 8-yard line. After Goddard rushed 30 yards Johnson broke through the line and grabbing the ball ran across the line, only to be brought back. Burlington was then penalized 15 yards for huddling.

Goddard's star quarterback, Hatch, was not with the team, so that the Goddard team work was weakened. Hatch went to Eden for a day stating that he would be in time for the game. He did not show up.

## "HEAD-WORK" IN ATHLETICS.

Intelligence Will Often Win Over Brawn

Intelligence may be linked with brawn as a common factor of athletic prowess. Years of experience and the efforts of multitudes of strong men have evolved in every field of sport certain lines of action by means of which the most efficient results can be obtained with the least waste of exertion. Such lines of action, which set the standard for the right way to do the athletic act, are called "form." It is the special province of the coach and the trainer to teach "form," and the pupil who is quick to grasp these fundamentals and retentive in using them, has an advantage over his slower-witted rival from the start. He knows more that mind is greater than muscle, and he is in a fair way to win championships. Ralph D. Paine in "The Sporting Champions of the Year," in the November Everybody's.

## WAS NATIVE OF BARRE.

William Bancroft Died Yesterday in Berlin, Nearly 91 Years Old.

William Bancroft, a native of Barre and who lived in town until fifteen years ago, died yesterday morning at the home of his son, Leonard Bancroft, in Berlin. Mr. Bancroft was as well as usual Monday morning, but went back to bed soon after rising. When a member of the family went to call him he found Mr. Bancroft in a serious condition, having sustained a shock. He failed steadily until the end at three a. m. yesterday.

The deceased was born in Barre on November 6, 1805, being therefore nearly 91 years of age at the time of his death. His first wife was Mary Holden of Barre. They had three children, two of whom, Daniel and Harry, died several years ago. Mrs. Bancroft died in 1842. In 1844 Mr. Bancroft married Miss Louisa Town of Barre. No children were born to them. Fifteen years ago Mr. Bancroft went to Berlin to live with his only surviving child, Leonard. The funeral will be held from the house in Berlin tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Fraser officiating.

## DEATH IN MONTPELIER.

Mrs. Cordelia Kate Kimball Was Born in Irasburgh.

Mrs. Cordelia Kate Kimball died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Puffer, in Montpelier after a week's illness. She was born in Irasburgh in 1820, being married in 1840. She was the last of a family of seven children. Only one of her three children, Mrs. Puffer, survives. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

## WAS INFLUENTIAL MAN.

Homer Denny Died in Northfield Today—Ill a Short Time.

Northfield, Oct. 24.—Homer Denny died this noon at his home in this place after a short illness with dropsy and heart trouble. He was born in Northfield 62 years ago, and had always lived here. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was a member of Boynton post. Twenty-five years ago he took up the occupation of a farmer. He leaves a widow and two children, Mrs. E. C. Campbell of Waterbury and J. H. Denny of Northfield. He was a member of the firm of Denny & Washburn. The deceased was one of the most influential men in Northfield.

## A RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

To Be Conducted by the Protestant Churches of Barre.

With the purpose of making their ministrations more efficient the Protestant churches of the city are planning to take a census of this community. The facts they desire to ascertain are these: The church attended, or the church preferred by those who did not attend; the Sunday school attended or preferred by the children. It is hoped that from 75 to 100 persons, volunteers from the several churches, will give their services for the purposes of this census. And these will meet in the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock to make final arrangements. The census will be taken, in all probability, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of the present week.

Doubtless the people of the city will welcome these conscientious and cheerful folk as they go about their duty, especially as they recognize the good motive which prompts the effort.

## Notice to C. L. U. Delegates.

A regular meeting of the Central Labor Union of Barre and vicinity will be held in the Nichols block on Friday evening at 7:30 October 26th.

James Mutch, Sec'y.

ROBBERS AT  
SPRINGFIELD

Got Upwards of \$600 In Goods Early This Morning

## MAY BE PROFESSIONALS

Store of La Fountain, Staples & Co. Entered by Rear Window—Tools, Revolvers, Cutlery, Ammunition Included in the Loot.

Springfield, Oct. 23.—The hardware store of LaFountain, Staples & Co. was entered early this morning and goods, amounting upwards of \$600, were taken, consisting of machinists' tools, revolvers, cutlery and ammunition. Entrance was made by a window in the rear of the building. It is thought to be the work of professionals.

A. W. LaFountain of the Peoples' gas company of this city received a message here this morning of the robbery of the hardware store in Springfield in which he is interested. The message stated that the burglars took sporting goods, consisting of guns, revolvers, hunting knives, etc. were taken. The burglars gained entrance through a rear window cutting with a diamond two thicknesses of glass, the store windows being in position. No clue as to the identity of the burglars has been discovered as yet.

BUSINESS BLOCK  
TO BE ERECTED

L. Ginsburg of New York City Buys the Sheplee & Jones Lot, Corner of North Main and Pearl Streets, and Will Build on It.

The F. B. Cate Real Estate agency has sold for Sheplee and Jones the lot on the corner of North Main and Pearl streets to L. Ginsburg of New York city; consideration, \$7,500. Mr. Ginsburg will immediately proceed to erect a block for a department store. It is announced that the building will be of brick and will be three stories in height. Mr. Ginsburg plans to start the work of building immediately. While a resident of New York, Mr. Ginsburg has stores in various localities, having four in Oklahoma.

The location for the proposed store is one of the finest in the city. It was formerly the stand of B. W. Hooker and Souder & Lyon, until four years ago, when fire swept away the "currier and the Sheplee & Jones buildings. Since that time the Sheplee & Jones property has remained idle.

ADD FIFTY ACRES  
TO THEIR HOLDINGS

United States Quarries and Granite Construction Company Now Have 175 Acres of Quarry Land.

The United States Quarries and Granite Construction company, of which J. B. Campbell is president, on yesterday bought the Calvin T. Bond property on Millstone hill, including the farm house and all the equipment of the quarry. The land adjoins the company's holdings, now giving them 175 acres of quarry land in one of the best positions on the hill. One quarry is already opened up. The grade is medium stock. The new acquisition is fifty acres.

## SAID NOT GUILTY.

To Charge of Manslaughter in Death of Brother.

Quincy, Oct. 24.—Seventeen-year-old Timothy J. Delaney of Randolph pleaded not guilty this morning to a charge of manslaughter in causing the death of his 18-year-old brother John. The brothers were hunting yesterday. Timothy says his shot gun accidentally discharged and killed John. He is in 1,000 bail for trial on December 6.

## WILLIAMSTOWN.

H. S. Drury was in Westerville yesterday on business, his place as mail carrier was filled by the substitute.

Mrs. Geo. Colby and Mrs. C. E. Adams went to Richmond today to visit Rev. F. A. Kimball and family. They also will visit Mrs. Henry Martin and sons, Alben and Sidney, who are living at Essex Junction.

Mrs. Frank Martin was in Barre yesterday on business.

The ladies of the Universalist society held their annual sale and chicken pie supper November 15. They have planned to hold their fair two days this year instead of one as before. The chicken pie supper will be the 15th. A babies' reception will also be held the afternoon of the first day of fair. Further particulars later.

Andrew Burnham returned from Randolph, where he has been a few days.

All members of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 104, are requested to be present at the meeting Friday night as there is business of importance.

The members of Fraternity Rebekah Lodge are requested to be present at the next meeting. There will be a social hour.

Mrs. W. N. Greenough has finished her visit with friends here and goes to Vancouver.

RUTLAND MAN  
IS PRESIDENT  
VT. BAR ASSN.C. E. WILLEY APPOINTED  
REGULAR FIREMAN

To Succeed J. C. DeBrun—City of Barre Will Sell Arley Property in Orange for \$1,100—Other Matters Considered Last Night.

Mayor Barclay last evening appointed C. E. Willey to be regular fireman to take the place of J. C. DeBrun, resigned, and the aldermen unanimously confirmed the appointment. Mr. Willey has been employed by the American Express company.

Some other minor matters were taken up at the regular meeting of the aldermen. Warrants to pay A. G. Lapoint \$12 for worrying of chickens by dogs and to pay \$600 interest on a note were ordered paid. The property committee reported that the city house needs repairs, and the report was accepted. Mayor Barclay presented a communication that the bondsmen of the Union and the Orange County telephone companies were acceptable. A sewer on Franklin street extension was referred to the street committee to investigate.

Chief of Police Brown reported 28 arrests for September—13 intoxication, nine breach of the peace, one abuse of horse, one search and seizure, one keeping liquor and one for selling liquor. The application for a street light at the corner of Franklin and Beacon streets was referred to the lighting committee. Nelson Bros. and Lord of Orange reported that they were prepared to take a deed of the Arley property on the Orange brook property at \$1,100, and the water committee and city attorney were authorized to draw up a deed. M. Garvey had supposed that the street to his residence off Pearl street had been accepted, but he could find no record of it; so he asked the city clerk to accept a 33-foot street.

Janitor C. P. Jones of the City hall stated that the flooring in the opera house dressing rooms needed repairs, and that one of the actors recently "ran his foot into a sliver." The property committee will investigate. W. A. Lane asked for an extension of time in which to remove the building from the city land in East Barre. The city was granted until August 1 with the understanding that he should pay \$5 monthly in case he used the building for business purposes after January 1, next.

The city clerk brought up the bill before the Vermont legislature providing for a plurality election of representatives on the fourth ballot and the aldermen expressed a desire that the bill become a law. A new desk for the city clerk's office was reported to be a necessity. The request of the Orange County Telephone company to set poles and string wires on Albany street was referred to the street committee and city engineer.

## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Fred Bird was in Plainfield last evening.

D. F. Davis was in Montpelier on business today.

Mrs. Rosamond Gallagher of Summer street is seriously ill.

Miss Della A. Borty of Fairfax visited friends in the city today.

Mrs. Essie Smith McKay returned yesterday from Saranac, N. Y.

Mrs. Hart of Newton street went to Burlington to visit her daughter.

S. Erera leaves tonight for Montreal where he has secured employment.

Mrs. McFarland of Washington is the guest of Mrs. D. W. McDonald on Perry street.

John Carlsen left last night for San Francisco, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. Eli Densmore returned to her home in Boston today after a two weeks' visit in the city.

Mrs. John Rescock returned from the Heaton hospital, Montpelier, Saturday, and is doing well.

Miss Jennie Honeyman is home from New York city for a month's vacation and visit to her mother.

Miss Annie Averill, Spaulding, 1906, has been elected vice-president of her class in Tufts college. The class has 160 members.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Methodist church. Let all members be present.

St. John's court, C. O. F., will hold a whist party in the K. of C. hall, Seapoint block, Thursday evening, October 25. Admission 10 cents.

Miss Bessie Spooner went to Paru-stead, N. H. today on a visit with friends.

Mrs. S. D. Barnes returned last night from a few weeks' visit in Plymouth and Concord, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Milne and Mr. and Mrs. William Milne Jr. went to Northfield this afternoon to attend the wedding of Charles J. Milne and Miss Mable Martin.

Alvin F. Smith returned from Northfield where he attended the celebration of the 75th birthday anniversary of his sister, Mrs. Mary Newton. Mr. Smith is nearly ninety-two years of age and still hale and hearty.

Among today's arrivals at the City hotel are W. Turner, C. E. McLean, E. E. Folson, Boston; L. C. Denain, Burlington; Martin Carr, St. Johnsbury; E. M. Sargent, South Royalton and Mrs. L. J. Wiswell and Mrs. M. D. Wells of Calcut.

Among those who attended the governor's reception at the Capitol last evening were the young ladies of the senior class at the seminary, Misses Cross, MacMurray, Buell, Spooner, Hollister, Young and Waite, under the chaperonage of the Misses Isham, Holland and Darwin.

Attorney F. M. Butler Was  
Today Chosen to Succeed  
Ex-Congressman H. H.  
Powers. Other Officers  
Elected.BANQUET SERVED  
LAST EVENINGNine Candidates Present  
Themselves For Examination  
to Practice Law in  
Vermont—Adjourned Until  
Friday.

The Vermont Bar association, in its 28th annual session at Montpelier today, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

President, F. M. Butler of Rutland.

First vice-president, Fred A. Howland of Montpelier.

Third vice-president, Robert Roberts of Burlington.

Secretary, John H. Minnis of St. Albans.

Treasurer, Hiram Carleton of Montpelier.

Librarian, Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier.

Censors, President Butler, ex-officio, Fred L. Laird of Montpelier, W. N. Batchelder of Bethel, C. G. Austin, Jr., of St. Albans and A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro.

The reports of the retiring secretary and treasurer were accepted and adopted. This forenoon H. W. Blake of Island Pond and A. W. Butler of Jamaica were admitted to membership, after which adjournment was taken to Friday morning.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the association, it was voted to request the committee from the association having in charge the bill providing for a reorganization of the judiciary to go before the judiciary committees of the Senate and House to advocate the passage of this measure. The standing committee on jurisprudence was instructed to investigate the present method of drawing grand and petit jurors and report to the annual meeting any improvements they may suggest.

The meeting last night was held in the county court room. The Hon. H. H. Powers, the president, presided in the chair and the judges of the supreme court occupied seats within the bar. The address of Judge H. H. Powers, the retiring president, was the feature of the evening and the scholarly production was listened to with marked attention.

The subject was: "The Influence of Public Opinion upon the Trend of Judicial Thought." In regard to the authority of Congress over the regulation of railways, Judge Powers said the word "regulate" in the commerce clause of the federal constitution is an ordinary signification implies supervision over agency already in existence carrying on commerce, and it can hardly be said that it implies Congress can initiate committee or engage in it. The whole theory of government is that of control, supervision and regulation of the business of its people, so far only as it is necessary to promote the public good. Subject to such control the people have a vested, natural and inalienable right to carry on any lawful business or pursue any lawful calling.

Congress in regulating interstate commerce ought to have the power to say that its agencies shall not impede the health of people in the state through which they operate. It ought to have the power to say that a railroad shall not transport a carload of paupers or diseased persons from one state to another. It is the duty of Congress in such cases to look to the safety of the people of the states. The federal government has every attribute of sovereignty possessed by any government on the face of the globe.

## Banquet Last Evening.

Following the evening meeting at the court house the annual banquet was served at the Pavilion hotel. Plates were set for 150 and every seat was occupied. The menu was a very attractive one and after cigars had been recalled President H. H. Powers, who reflected as toastmaster, raised for order and introduced, and much applause, Governor Fletcher D. Proctor, who responded for Vermont.

A. E. Greenfield of Montreal, a delegate from the Montreal bar, brought the greetings of that association and the other speakers were Lieutenant-governor Prouty, who responded for the Senate, Judge W. W. Miles for the supreme court, Speaker T. C. Cheney for the House of Representatives, Frank L. Greene of St. Albans for the press, Representative Maxwell Evans of Windsor for the legislature in general and Col. J. H. Minnis of St. Albans, who was given permission to talk on an "old subject."